states for meeting the entire requirement of foodgrains of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that certain cereal producing state have also diverted to cash crop;

(c) whether it is a fact that area under wheat cultivation has gone down in the country, if so. stept being taken by Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-CHANDRAN): (a) Wheat production is concentrated in Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar. Whereas in the case of Paddy, Andhra Pradesh. Haryana. Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bangal *account* for the bulk of production.

(b) There is some diversion of area at margin from cereal crops to cash crops like oilseeds, cotton, coconut. sugarcane in certain States.

(c) There has not been any signifi cant decline in the area under wheat cultivation at all-'India level.

Be vamping of Dairy Development

3276. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: WiU the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the study conducted in Saurashtra on the cost of milk production and its sal_e price indicating that the landless farmers make a marginal profit of only 5 percent as agairst about 10 per cent by the large dairy farmers as reported in the Indian Dairymen of June, 1992.

(b) whether Government are also aware that similar or worst dismal picture exists throughout the country in spite of operation floods and foreign aids, loans and grants which have been poured especially in Gujarat Cooperatives; and

(c) whether Government propose to revamp the entire dairy development work and entrust this to states as dairying is a State subject?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The study "Cost and Returns of Buffalo Milk Production in KajKnt District of Saurashtra" as reported in the June, 1992 issue of "Indian Dairyman" suffers from limitations in methodology and small size of samples. A recent study of Operation Flood milksheds conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research, which provides data on economics of milk production, shows a significant return to the household.

(c) Dairy Development projects are already being implemented by the respective State Governments/state dairy co-operatives.

Per capita availability of cereals and pulses

3277. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE b_e pleased t° state:

(a) what is the annual rate of increase in the per capita availability of (a) cereals and (b) $pulse_s$ during 1950—60, 1960—70, 1970—80 and 1980—SO;

(b) what are the reasons for the low availability of cereals and pulses; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the availability of these $item_s$ to the masses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA. CHANDRAN): "(a) During the four